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SUBJECT: SYRIA AND PLO FALL OUT IN PALESTINE COMMITTEE

1. NORMALLY DREARY PALESTINE COMMITTEE DEBATE WAS ENLIVENED MARCH 4 BY SHARP EXCHANGE BETWEEN PLO UN OBSERVER TERZI AND SYRIAN PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE ALLAF.

2. ISSUE WAS PLO PROPOSAL THAT COMMITTEE SEND A FACT-FINDING MISSION TO MIDDLE EAST. (EXACTLY WHAT THE MISSION WOULD INVESTIGATE WAS NOT CLEAR SINCE TERZI SAID ONLY THAT PLO WOULD PUT FORWARD THE PROPOSAL LATER,) IN ANY CASE ALLAF TOOK VIOLENT EXCEPTION (HE DOES FEW THINGS CALMLY) ARGUING THAT COMMITTEE'S JOB WAS TO CONSIDER HOW TO CARRY OUT PALESTINIAN RIGHTS, NOT TO DISPATCH FACT-FINDING MISSION. INDIAN PERMREP JAIPAL SECONDED ALLAF. BORROWING A LEAF FROM FORMER AMB MOYNIHAN'S BOOK HE SAID COMMITTEE WAS BEING TURNED INTO A "THEATER OF THE ABSURD."

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3. COMMENT: ALLAF AND TERZI HAVE CLASHED BEFORE, MOST

RECENTLY, WE UNDERSTAND, BEHIND THE SCENES ON QUESTION OF
WHETHER TO HOLD SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING ON AQSA MOSQUE
SITUATION. WE DO NOT KNOW TO WHAT EXTENT THESE DISPUTES
REFLECT BROADER PLO-SYRIAN POLITICAL DIFFERENCES AND TO WHAT
EXTENT THEY STEM FROM A CLASH OF PERSONALITIES.
OUR GUESS IS THAT THE LATTER IS IMPORTANT.
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